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FOLLOWING REPEAT USUN 4397 ACTION DEPT OCT 13.

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SUBJECT: UN PERSONNEL: REACTIONS TO U.S. STATEMENT ON
COMPOSITION OF THE SECRETARIAT

1. MISSION HAS OBTAINED NUMEROUS UNSOLICITED COMMENTS,
SUMMARIZED BELOW ON STATEMENT BY US REP ERSAP POSITION IN UNGA
FIFTH COMMITTEE, REPORTED IN SEPTEL.

2. REACTION BY NEARLY A DOZEN UN SECRETARIAT STAFF BELOW
ASYG LEVEL WAS HIGHLY FAVORABLE. TYPICAL COMMENTS:
"EXCELLENT STATEMENT WHICH NEEDED SAYING. ONLY U.S. COULD
HAVE MADE IT."

3. SENIOR PERSONNEL OFFICIAL: A VERY GOOD STATEMENT,
ESPECIALLY INTRODUCTION AND PORTION ON WOMEN. VERY HEALTHY
FOR U.S. TO SAY THOSE THINGS.

4. ANOTHER SENIOR PERSONNEL OFFICER: FELT CAUGHT IN THE
LINE OF FIRE, BUT LIKED STATEMENT.

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TM AMBASSADOR BAROODY (SAUDI ARABIA) EXPRESSED EXTREME
DISPLEASURE.

6. UN INTERPRETER: MRS. POSTON GAVE STATEMENT AS THOUGH
SHE MEANT IT.

7. UK DELEGATE: ECSTATIC OVER STATEMENT.

8. FRENCH DELEGATE: ADMIRER US CANDOR AND WILLINGNESS TO
ADDRESS SUBJECT.

9. COSTA RICAN DELEGATE: GLAD U.S. IS FINALLY ON THEIR SIDE.

10. CHINESE DELEGATE: GOOD STATEMENT; DELIVERED WITH HONESTY.

11. UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL BUFFUM: AN UNHELPFUL STATEMENT
WHICH MAY WRECK U.S. CHANCES OF APPOINTMENT OF AMERICAN TO
TOP LEVEL POST IN GENEVA.

12. USSR DELEGATE: FACETIOUS COMMENT WHICH DID NOT REVEAL
THEIR VIEWS.

13. SYG WALDHEIM: SEE SEPTTEL. BENNETT
UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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